AMENDMENT

U.S. Appln. No. 09/699,923

REMARKS

In paragraph 5 on page 1 of the Office Action, the Examiner indicates that Claims 15-16 and 23-25 have been allowed.

In paragraph 6 on page 1 of the Office Action, the Examiner indicates that Claims 29, 36 and 38 are rejected.

Claims 29, 36 and 38 are hereby cancelled without prejudice to pursue the same in a Continuing Application. Thus, the Examiner is requested to pass the case to issuance.

In paragraph 2, on page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner requests that Applicants provide copies of the signed Information Disclosure Statements to make the scanned file application complete.

Accordingly, Applicants submit herewith all of the signed Information Disclosure Statements of record.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed number on any matters which might arise.

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